IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of:

Jeffrey T. Ellis et al.

Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman

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Guidewire With Chemical Sensing Capabilities

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Foreman:

This response and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination address the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on May 11, 2004. Enclosed is a petition for a two-month extension, extending the period to reply to July 12, 2004.

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